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**From:** Enck, Judith  
**Sent:** Mon 3/23/2015 6:15:01 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide - pesticide reg no.  
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**From:** "Moore, Audrey" <[Moore.Audrey@epa.gov](mailto:Moore.Audrey@epa.gov)>  
**To:** "Jimenez, Christopher" <[Jimenez.Christopher@epa.gov](mailto:Jimenez.Christopher@epa.gov)>, "Schaaf, Eric" <[Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov)>, "R2 ER Mgmt Notification List" <[R2\\_ER\\_Mgmt\\_Notification\\_List@epa.gov](mailto:R2_ER_Mgmt_Notification_List@epa.gov)>, "Garrison, Geoffrey" <[Garrison.Geoffrey@epa.gov](mailto:Garrison.Geoffrey@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Mosher, Eric" <[Mosher.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Mosher.Eric@epa.gov)>, "DOnofrio, Cris" <[DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov](mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov)>, "Gorman, John" <[Gorman.John@epa.gov](mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov)>, "Kahn, Paul" <[Kahn.Paul@epa.gov](mailto:Kahn.Paul@epa.gov)>, "Housenger, Jack" <[Housenger.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Housenger.Jack@epa.gov)>, "Glynn, Tara" <[Glynn.Tara@epa.gov](mailto:Glynn.Tara@epa.gov)>, "Reddy, Aarti" <[Reddy.Aarti@epa.gov](mailto:Reddy.Aarti@epa.gov)>, "Dawson, Jeffrey" <[Dawson.Jeff@epa.gov](mailto:Dawson.Jeff@epa.gov)>, "R2 RRC" <[R2\\_RRC@epa.gov](mailto:R2_RRC@epa.gov)>, "Matarazzo, Michael" <[Matarazzo.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Matarazzo.Michael@epa.gov)>, "Gorman, John" <[Gorman.John@epa.gov](mailto:Gorman.John@epa.gov)>, "Mauel, Linda" <[Mauel.Linda@epa.gov](mailto:Mauel.Linda@epa.gov)>, "Shapiro, Naomi" <[Shapiro.Naomi@epa.gov](mailto:Shapiro.Naomi@epa.gov)>, "Sawyer, William" <[Sawyer.William@epa.gov](mailto:Sawyer.William@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide - pesticide reg no.

We now have the pesticide EPA registration number for the product used - 5785-41.  
I've attached a copy of the EPA approved label from the OPPIN database. It does not have residential as an approved site.

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From: Jimenez, Christopher  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 10:10 AM

To: Schaaf, Eric; Enck, Judith; Mugdan, Walter; R2 ER Mgmt Notification List  
Cc: McCabe, Catherine; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey; Mosher, Eric; DOnofrio, Cris;  
LaPosta, Dore; Gorman, John; Lucarino, Kelli; Kahn, Paul; Gregor, Margaret; Housenger,  
Jack; Glynn, Tara; Moore, Audrey; Reddy, Aarti; Dawson, Jeffrey; Gregor, Margaret;  
Lucarino, Kelli; Kahn, Paul; Pane, Mark; R2 RRC; Matarazzo, Michael; Iglesias, Ariel;  
Torres, Ramon; Kovak, Brian; Vaouli, Elena  
Subject: RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

All, For those of you working issues related to the Methyl Bromide release in St. John  
please cc: the R2 RRC mail box on all e-mails,

R2 RRC [R2\\_RRC@epa.gov](mailto:R2_RRC@epa.gov)<[mailto:R2\\_RRC@epa.gov](mailto:R2_RRC@epa.gov)>

Thank you

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From: Schaaf, Eric  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 9:09 AM  
To: Enck, Judith; Mugdan, Walter  
Cc: McCabe, Catherine; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey; Jimenez, Christopher; Mosher, Eric;  
DOnofrio, Cris; LaPosta, Dore; Gorman, John  
Subject: RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

John Gorman and Audrey Moore from DECA are actively engaged.

From: Enck, Judith  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 8:56 AM  
To: Mugdan, Walter  
Cc: Schaaf, Eric; McCabe, Catherine; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey; Jimenez, Christopher;  
Mosher, Eric; DOnofrio, Cris; LaPosta, Dore  
Subject: Re: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Got it. Tx Also include deca as they have the pesticides program

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On Mar 23, 2015, at 8:53 AM, Mugdan, Walter

[<Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov>](mailto:Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov)[<mailto:Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov>](mailto:Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov)>> wrote:

FYI, Chris Jimenez in our Edison office will be the central point of coordination for this response. We will now also have OSC Cris D'Onofrio working on island, joining Geoff Garrison. Given the many people involved, it will be important for Chris Jimenez to be included in important email correspondence.

From: Schaaf, Eric

Sent: Monday, March 23, 2015 8:50 AM

To: McCabe, Catherine; Enck, Judith

Cc: Mugdan, Walter; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey

Subject: RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

We'll reach out to them this morning.

From: McCabe, Catherine

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:24 PM

To: Schaaf, Eric; Enck, Judith

Cc: Mugdan, Walter; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey

Subject: RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Eric – do you have contact at US Attorney's office in St. Thomas?

From: Schaaf, Eric

Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2015 7:23 PM

To: Enck, Judith

Cc: McCabe, Catherine; Mugdan, Walter; Font, Jose; Garrison, Geoffrey

Subject: Re: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

I'll speak to them tomorrow morning as well.

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On Mar 22, 2015, at 7:21 PM, "Enck, Judith"

[<Enck.Judith@epa.gov>](mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov)[<mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov>](mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov)>> wrote:

Tx Eric. We may also need to involve Doj to ensure we get past customer list where this has been applied, a commitment that this applicator not apply until this is sorted out and we should take possession of the methyl bromide stockpile. Tx

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On Mar 22, 2015, at 7:10 PM, Schaaf, Eric

[<Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>](mailto:Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov)[<mailto:Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>](mailto:Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov)>> wrote:

Judith: I've gone through the messages and spoken with Walter re the Superfund aspect of this. I will be meeting with Vernessa as well as my FIFRA, Superfund and criminal attorneys first thing tomorrow morning to run down the issues we discussed. I'll try to get

the customer list first thing and confirm that Terminex is not applying this pesticide anywhere else to make sure we determine if anyone else has been exposed and head off any future exposure. We'll also coordinate closely with HQ, DECA and CEPD. Stay tuned.  
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On Mar 21, 2015, at 8:28 PM, "Enck, Judith"

<[Enck.Judith@epa.gov](mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov)<<mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov>>> wrote:

Dore and Eric. Plz assign a lead person from each of your offices to work on this situation

Plz coordinate with CEPd. Eric, how do we get a list of customers where this pesticide applicator has applied methyl chloride? Jose and I are meeting with the dpnr commissioner on Tuesday but we need to actively work this before then. Figure out how to coordinate with dpnr and cid. Dpnr did not know about this until Geoff Garrison told them. Their initial response was very weak

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From: "DOnofrio, Cris" <[DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov](mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov)<<mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov>>>

Date: March 21, 2015 at 7:11:26 PM EDT

To: "Enck, Judith" <[Enck.Judith@epa.gov](mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov)<<mailto:Enck.Judith@epa.gov>>>

Subject: RE: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Yes, I'd like to know how much he has and where he's been using it, too. And I'd love to see it taken off the street....

From: Enck, Judith

Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2015 7:09 PM

To: DOnofrio, Cris

Subject: Re: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Thank you for your hard work on this. I want to find out where else this applicator applied his stockpiled supply. I asked our lawyers today if we can take this supply away from him immediately.

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On Mar 21, 2015, at 7:06 PM, DOnofrio, Cris

<[DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov](mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov)<<mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov>>> wrote:

Yes...this is a sad story for them.....and I've been doing the technical research to substantiate our own level of respiratory protection....this is some really nasty, dangerous stuff. Geoff needs to find out how much was applied and how it was used .....I hope he can get reliable information from the exterminator.....and you're right, we need to know what this family experienced and how they spent their time in the condo....

I'll say my prayers for this family....I hope they can recover fully from this....

From: Enck, Judith  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2015 7:00 PM  
To: DOnofrio, Cris  
Subject: Re: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Tx. I am scheduled for three full days in usvi but can make time if there is anything I can do to assist. I am meeting with the new governor and the new dpnr commissioner for the first time. I hope this incident will convince them of the need for a strong regulatory presence by usvi agencies. I am extremely worried about this family. They go to beautiful St. John for a family vacation and now they are all in the hospital. The condition of one of the boys is quite serious. Geoff is going to need to interview them when they are ready.

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On Mar 21, 2015, at 5:51 PM, DOnofrio, Cris  
<[DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov](mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov)<<mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov>>> wrote:  
Good luck down there and enjoy the trip if you can.....I'll continue to send updates as new information becomes available....

From: Enck, Judith  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2015 5:37 PM  
To: DOnofrio, Cris  
Subject: Re: St. John, USVI Methyl Bromide Response

Thank you cris. I had planned to be in St. John on monday and may visit the site. I will coordinate with Geoff garrison

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On Mar 21, 2015, at 4:38 PM, DOnofrio, Cris  
<[DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov](mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov)<<mailto:DOnofrio.Cris@epa.gov>>> wrote:  
All:

Yesterday at approximately 1640 hours, Geoff Garrison was notified of a potential chemical substance exposure that occurred in St. John, USVI. At that time, Geoff initiated contact with Regional EPA management, Virgin Island Government officials, ATSDR and the local hospital to obtain additional information and prepare for a response. Geoff contacted me at 07:30 hours today and we have been coordinating our efforts to obtain additional technical and situational information in order determine the need for and scope of a response. Geoff has been in contact with the VI DPNR Commissioner and is on his way to St. John to assist DPNR in the investigation of this incident. The RST contractor is not being mobilized at this time. The following is a summary of what is currently known and the proposed actions:

A family of four was staying at La Sirena Villa, a relatively new condominium in Coral Bay, St. John. They began their stay approximately 5 days ago and slowly started showing neurological symptoms of chemical exposure. Last night their symptoms worsened to the

point they required medical care. They are currently in the St. Thomas Hospital where at least two members of the family have been hospitalized; the details of their current condition are not known at this time. The suspected chemical is methyl bromide.

DPNR has informed Geoff Garrison that DPNR has been in contact with the exterminator for the condominium. The exterminator has confirmed that methyl bromide has been applied to the condominium unit in question. The amount used, method of application, and the timing of the application have not yet been confirmed. It is also not known whether other condominium units have been similarly treated. Geoff is on his way to St. Thomas/St. John to assist DPNR in the investigation and potential sampling of the condominium unit(s). He is expected to arrive on St. Thomas at 16:00 hours today.

I have been coordinating with ERT, RST and Mike Matarazzo on technical and health and safety issues. With the latest information, we have identified sampling equipment and methodologies to be used if needed. ERT has shipped SUMMA canisters, sampling pumps and associated sampling media to St. Thomas. The equipment is expected to arrive on St. Thomas on Monday morning and will be available in the event sampling is required. Once Geoff arrives on St. John and can obtain additional details, we will evaluate the need for additional EPA/ERT/SERAS/RST personnel.